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REPORT OF THE SESSION

Draft decision recommended by the Committee on Science and
Technology for adoption by the Conference of the Parties

Traditional knowledge

The Conference of the Parties,

Noting the synopsis of reports on traditional knowledge compiled by the secretariat, 1/

1. Requests the secretariat to complete its ongoing work on compiling the most important and widely applied traditional knowledge on a subregional and regional basis and on a national scale where appropriate, and make a synthesis of this work available to the Committee on Science and Technology at its third session;

2. Decides to appoint an ad hoc panel composed of ... experts with terms of reference as follows:

(a) To explore ways and means of linking the Committee's work on traditional knowledge with similar work being undertaken under other related conventions and report to the Committee at its third session;

(b) To assess the socio-economic impacts of traditional knowledge and practices in combating desertification and to outline the possible threats confronting such traditional knowledge and practices;

(c) To identify ways and means of integrating traditional and local knowledge, know-how and practices with modern knowledge and technological innovations, with a view to ensuring the effective and wider application of such knowledge and innovations.

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